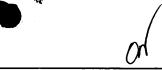


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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed May 16, 2003 has been entered. Upon further consideration, new grounds of rejection under 35 USC 112 are considered necessary. Because the new grounds of rejection was not necessitated by applicant's amendment, this Office action is being made **non-final**. Any inconvenience caused by this Office action is regretted.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claims 1, 5-11 and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, the claim appears to be incomplete and thus vague and indefinite because a table saw is being claimed but no saw blade has been recited, and it is suggested between lines 5 and 6 to insert --a saw blade operably supported by the base and extendable through the work support surface;-- or the like.

In claim 56, the claim appears to be incomplete and thus vague and indefinite because a table saw is being claimed but no saw blade has been recited, and it is suggested between lines 5 and 6 to insert --a saw blade operably supported by the base and extendable through the work support surface;-- or the like.

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Allowable Subject Matter

- 3. Claims 1, 5-11 and 56 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
- 4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers Technology Center 3700 are: after-final responses - (703)872-9303; other formal/official papers - (703)872-9302. The fax number for informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.

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